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No rush to judgment for Subic rape judge

By Tarra V. Quismundo

THE JUDGE TASKED TO DELIVER A VERDICT on the case of four US Marines accused of raping "Nicole," a Filipino woman, on Nov. 1, 2005, needs another week to complete his deliberations.

Judge Benjamin Pozon of the Makati Regional Trial Court Branch 139 said he would render

NO RUSH A14

Palace: Step up efforts to seize Disini deposits

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

MALACAÑANG HAS ORDERED THE PRESIDENTIAL Commission on Good Government (PCGG) to step up its efforts to seize the supposed hidden wealth, including an $8-million Swiss account, of businessman Herminio Disini, the dealmaker of the country's worst debt nightmare, the Bataan Nuclear Power Plant (BNPP).

PALACE A4



IT'S PACQUIAO DAY, and it's been so every day since the former bakery assistant in General Santos City destroyed Mexico's pride Erik Morales, last Sunday. Friday's welcoming crowd estimates run to 200,000: Students streaming out of their classes, employees abandoning their work, out-of-towners descending upon the city at dawn if only to catch a glimpse of the man who, after the longest time, makes them finally feel incredibly proud of being Filipino.

Nation hails Pacquiao

People's champ returns in triumph, 'unites Filipinos for one day'

By Tina G. Santos and Margaux C. Ortiz

WAVES OF CHEERING ERUPTED FROM THE streets, showers of confetti fell from office balconies and Quiapo church echoed with the sound of the National Anthem as tens of thousands of Filipinos yesterday welcomed home their conquering hero, Manny Pacquiao.

It was not so much the "Pacman" basking in his people's adulation as a nation basking in the glory he brought them. (See related story on Page A23.)

Crowds estimated by police at 200,000 jammed Manila's streets to salute the man with a deadly pair of fists.

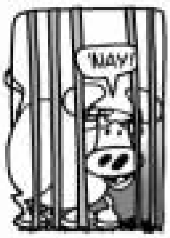
They included students who had skipped their classes, workers who had sneaked out of their jobs and still others who foresook their lunches to catch a glimpse of the pugilist who had given them the kind of pride their politicians and their government had failed to give them.

They greeted him with nonstop applause throughout the motorcade. Men chanted his name, teenage girls shrieked and others applauded from office windows.

One woman in the throng had other thoughts.

"Manny, anakan mo ako (Let me

NATION HAILS A14



Guyito spooks Leyte school, is detained

By Vicente S. Labro and Joey A. Gabieta
Inquirer Visayas

TACLOBAN CITY—IT WAS A traumatic experience—even for a carabao sculpture. Yet Guyito's face, painted by artist Frank Cielo Valencia, still gleamed with joy despite three weeks of being detained in a Leyte town.

Guyito, the carabao mascot of the Philippine Daily Inquirer, had been sent to the wrong place. His real destination was Leyte National High School (LNHS) in this city not LNHS in Leyte town.

But it was to the latter that he was inadvertently sent and there he stayed for about three weeks.

Unfortunately, the people in Leyte town are a superstitious

GUYITO A6

Baghdad's deadliest hit: 160 dead

BAGHDAD, IRAQ—FUNERAL processions began Friday for the more than 160 people who were killed by car bombs and mortars in Baghdad's largest Shiite district. Hundreds of men, women and children beat their chests, chanted and cried as they walked beside vehicles carrying the coffins of their loved ones.

The rest of Baghdad remained under a 24-hour curfew aimed at stopping widespread sectarian violence in the capital. But Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, himself a Shiite, ordered police to guard the processions carrying victims of Thursday's attacks by Sunni Muslim insurgents in Sadr City to Najaf, the holy Shiite city where they will be buried.

"God is great. There is no God but Allah. Mohammed is the messenger of Allah," about 300 mourners chanted, as they beat their chests while walking through the Sadr City slum alongside slow moving cars and minivans carrying 14 wooden coffins tied to the rooftops. Some of the men and women repeatedly touched the sides of the vehicles

BAGHDAD A4

Pinays tell of sex ordeal in Kuwait

By Nikko Dizon

JAKARTA, KUWAIT—THE TALES Filipino women tell of their experiences in prostitution dens in this Arab emirate are harrowing.

One, a 29-year-old, said she was "used" more than 200 times during her 45-day captivity, Philippine Ambassador to Kuwait Ricardo Endaya told the Inquirer.

Two others similarly victimized—in their late 20s and early 30s—have become pregnant.

"Our objective is to bust this syndicate, which we believe is being masterminded by a Bangladeshi," Endaya said, adding that the Philippine Embassy in Jakarta had raised the matter to the Kuwaiti government.

The embassy has rescued 22 Filipino women working here as domestics since it started a crackdown last October on prostitution dens run by the syndicate.

Some of those rescued are in their mid-40s; the youngest is in her late teens.

Endaya said embassy personnel initially thought the women had

PINAYS A4

Max Soliven writes 30; 77

THE MULTI-AWARDED VETERAN publisher and journalist, who covered eight presidents, died yesterday in a hospital in Japan. Max Soliven was 77. (See story on Page A6.)

An official of the Philippine Embassy in Tokyo said Soliven died of complications arising from cardiopulmonary arrest at the Narita Red Cross Hospital at around 11:20 a.m. (10:20 a.m. in Manila).

Consul Eric Tamayo went to the hospital and was among the first Philippine officials to establish contact with the family of the deceased, according to political attaché Jo Balmaceda when reached by the Inquirer yesterday at around noon.

Soliven, publisher and board chair of The Philippine Star, had been preparing to return home after a private visit to Japan when he checked himself into a hospital because he wasn't feeling well, friend and Star columnist Babe Romualdez told ABC television.

"I guess it is because of his bout with pneumonia a couple of months ago," Romualdez said. Soliven was then confined at the Intensive Care Unit of St.



MAX SOLIVEN · Star of STAR

Luke's Medical Center in Quezon City.

The Inquirer learned that his doctors had advised him to cut back on his travels.

President Macapagal-Arroyo, a friend of Soliven, said she was deeply saddened by the death of "an icon of freedom."

"The present march could not have been as vibrant without Max Soliven, who fought beside the forces of enlightenment in the struggle against despotism and wrong," she said in a statement, referring to a period after World War II.

VETERAN A6

Lawmakers not entitled to 'pork,' says Palace

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

MALACAÑANG IS STANDING PAT on its policy of selective disposal of pork barrel funds, saying no senator or congressman has a priority claim on any part of the P6-billion Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF), as the pork barrel is currently known.

Budget Secretary Rolando Andaya said no legislator can rightfully claim that a specified amount in the budget was earmarked for a project of his or her choice.

He noted that the General Appropriations Act, or the approved national budget, merely lists a menu of projects that can be funded from the PDAF without any mention of specific recipients either in the House of Representatives or the Senate.

"They say it is an entitlement. But nowhere in the current GAA, which Congress wrote and we in DBM merely implement, is language which clearly stipulates that a senator or a congressman is entitled to a certain allocation," said Andaya, himself a former member of Congress.

He said the government's stingy disbursement of the pork barrel was one of the reasons why the budget deficit was kept low this year.

Andaya said the government saved the unused pork barrel funds, denying that the funds had been diverted to other projects as claimed by some senators.

Andaya was reacting to legislators' complaints that the government had been discriminatory in its distribution of pork barrel funds last year, saying that senators and congressmen critical of the administration failed to get what they claimed to be their rightful share of the PDAF.

The budget secretary challenged the legislators to cite "the

LAWMAKERS A11

WEATHER FORECAST

Second FrontPage

Senators scoff at 'final push'

By Juliet Labog-Javellana and Christine O. Avendaño

SENATE LEADERS YESTERDAY SCOFFED AT the Malacañang-House "final push" for Charter change and a shift to the unicameral-parliamentary system through a constituent assembly (Con-Ass), saying the administration and its allies were headed for another defeat in the Supreme Court.



VILLAR



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ARROYO

Very clear message

Enough already

2 more caucuses

Dreamers

Final blow



Speaker hits 8 SC justices who voted against Cha-cha

By Michael Lim Ubac

8 justices biased

Students tapped for Asean meet

By Jhunnex Napallacan

New tale of Marcos loot tells of whopping $950B

'Nothing concrete'

Failed to appear

PCGG waiting

Pinays tell …

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Max, Ninoy shared more than just a cell

Ninoy scoops Max

Foreign correspondent

Arrested by Marcos

Veteran journalist Max Soliven; 77

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Administration solons buck opposition rep in Comelec

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Bangko Sentral exec sacked by Ombudsman

By Norman Bordadora

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Immigration, airport staff told to monitor entry of militants



JUNK TRADE DEAL

Bio-fuels bill to benefit sugar industry

Drug firms express support for gov't initiatives on health

Nur gets 1-day leave to register as voter

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Taal Volcano spews mud; Phivolcs raises 'low' alert







Suspected Abu Sayyaf leader gunned down in Zamboanga

By Alcuin Papa

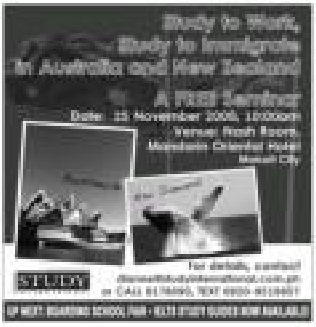




Angara urges CHEd to activate long dormant Legal Education Board







'No politics for my son'

'Obedient son'

Family affair

Rally behind gov't

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Balloons in Malacañang

No rush to judgment for Subic rape judge

Dramatic trial

Prolonging the agony

Working overtime

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Next fight is with Barrera

Cast of characters

Cameras everywhere

Dream nurtured with faith



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Despicable corporations

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Global Filipinos' role in RP development

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Military says LGU funds go to NPA



HOT FISH

LUCENA CITY—PORTIONS OF the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) of some local government units and villages in Southern Luzon go to the coffers of the communist New People's Army rebels, military officials alleged here Thursday.

Village exec claims handing out verdicts in NPA courts



Pangasinan gov seeks GMA help for Mirant power plant workers

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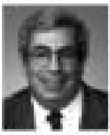
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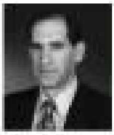













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THE GREGORIO T. SINGIAN Memorial Lecturer for this year's [illegible] Annual Clinical Congress of the Philippine College of Surgeons [illegible] [illegible] Private sector and the government.

Dr. [illegible] M. [illegible] holds an M.A. [illegible] and Ph.D. [illegible] Administration from New York University. He obtained an M.A. [illegible] Administrative Sciences from Yale University. He has a Diploma in [illegible] from University of the Philippines, Los Baños and has an A.B. in Economics from the Ateneo de Manila University, where he was president of the University Student Council.

Dr. [illegible] served in government as the Cabinet Secretary for Presidential Flagship Programs and Projects. He also was Undersecretary for the Department of Trade and Industry and the Department of Agriculture, Governor of the Board of Investments, Commissioner of the [illegible] Zone Authority and Chair of the National Consumer Affairs Council.

In the private sector, Dr. [illegible] was involved in agriculture, economic planning and real estate development in the Philippines. He was a senior manager at [illegible] Corporation in the United States for seven years. He also served as the Executive Producer for the [illegible] movie [illegible], the official Philippine entry to the 2005 US Academy Awards.

Among his awards are the Presidential Golden Heart Award from the Office of the President of the Philippines and was named one of Ten Outstanding Young Men (TOYM). He received the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] "[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]", an award given to only one distinguished alumnus of the Ateneo de Manila University per year.

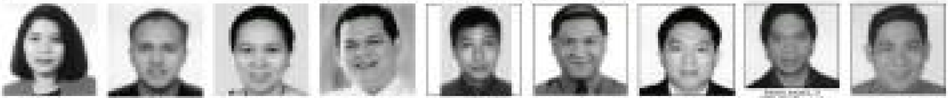
Dr. [illegible] is currently President of the [illegible] Manufacturers Association of the Philippines. Likewise, he is President of the Philippine Retirement [illegible] Inc. which [illegible] housing, healthcare and lifestyle services. He is currently Chair of the Alyansa Agrikultura, the largest national [illegible] coalition with 50 federations and organizations in its fold. He also [illegible] weekly column in the Philippine Daily Inquirer.



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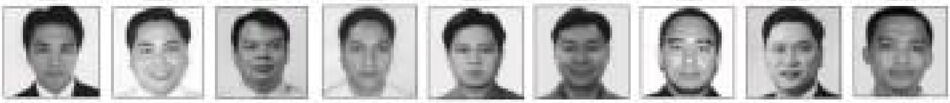


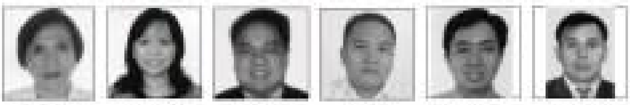


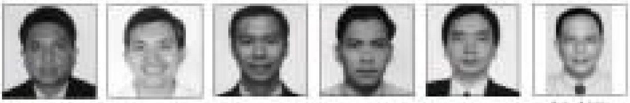


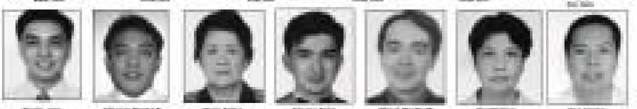












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Marines make presence felt in Cebu City for Asean meet

Cebu City

FOR HENRY BARON, THE sight of military trucks and armored tanks rumbling through the streets of Lapulapu City was one from a scene of an action movie.

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Up close and personal

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MARINES' presence in Cebu started with an exhibit of Marine gear and battle equipment at the Lapu-Lapu City Sports Complex prior to security preparations for the Asean summit.

First urban assignment

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CEBU CITY policemen and soldiers from the Armed Forces of the Philippines join forces in preparations for securing the Asean summit.



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No one wants to take responsibility for sunken debris barge

Reyes sacks 5 DENR men for plot to sell road

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The Zone shuttlers regain Interclub title

Kings escape Tigers' claws



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Witness says cops received payoffs

'Protection money paid weekly to 21 former Pasig policemen'



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Stop dismantling sheds, MMDA told

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Taste of Taguig

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Ban on billboards still on—DPWH



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Ruled out

No bail for accused in Roldan case

Foul odor leads raiding team to Valenzuela factory

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The WORLD

Poisoned ex-Russian spy Litvinenko dies

LONDON—FORMER RUSSIAN SPY ALEXANDER Litvinenko died in a London hospital three weeks after he was poisoned in what friends said was a plot orchestrated by the Kremlin.



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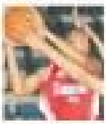
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Pacquiao wants Barrera next; Valero can wait

GIVEN A CHOICE, MANNY PACquiao would rather battle Marco Antonio Barrera next.

Pacquiao unfazed by KO artist



WBO champ Guzman challenges Pacman

Feihl towers as Quezon cagers topple Indonesians



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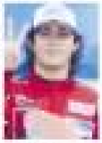
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HAPEE'S Jason Castro challenges Otis's Lawrence Bonus

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Taiwan blanks RP netters in Hopman Cup



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FBL quarterfinals set this weekend



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Rare welcome awaits bulk of RP Asiad bets



Miñoza trails by eight; Wie tumbles out

Asiad-bound bets can unite RP–GMA

Jaca in top shape

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Imports dip in September to $4.32B



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A showcase in product placement strategy

Volume of petroleum shipments fell 57.7%

AFTER HITTING DOUBLE-DIGIT GROWTH THE previous month, the country's imports dropped by 0.3 percent year-on-year to $4.32 billion in September.

Big users can now buy directly from Napocor

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STOCK MARKET



ICTSI bags Syria 10-yr port deal

Firm earmarks $37 million for new terminal, IT system

Gov't urged to increase infra, education spending



Investment shift to FCDUs seen

RP, Turkey eye closer economic cooperation

IPVG posted robust growth in 9 months

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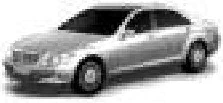
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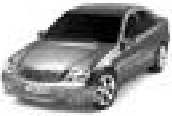
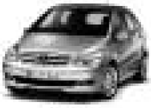
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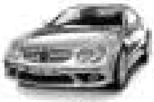
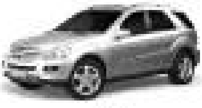
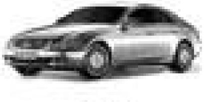
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Solving some of our nighttime problems

By Charles E. Buban

Checklist before nighttime

(Safe) sex after heart attack

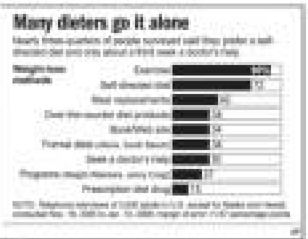
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Math and the preschooler

EUREKA!



Queena N. Lee-Chua



Age and a mouse's body clock

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Maxine Santos Bulbon

Weakened dollar hits Asian exporters

Oil prices remained steady; gold ticked up marginally

In China, a $1-B fund scandal



Firms scout for backdoor entry into China market

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Attractive home options in Tagaytay

By Charles E. Buban

WITH THE NEAR COMPLETION of the first cluster of its Alta Monte Leisure Suites, Don Tim Development Corp. becomes the first developer in Tagaytay City to offer condominium living experience.

"We know that Tagaytay City is very conducive to single family homes. And while Alta Monte offer such house and lot packages, we decided to add another option, that is, offering condominium units to home buyers who prefer streamlined and simplified lifestyle," says DT, SC VP for marketing and operations [illegible].

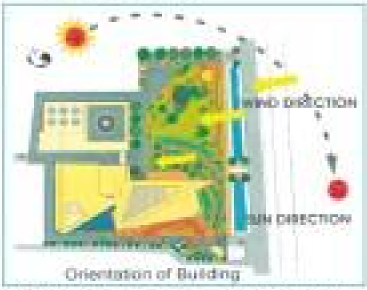
She explains that living at the leisure suites is like living in a luxury hotel with all the lux-

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Passive design and green architecture

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Building orientation

Building design

Passive cooling

Aeration, nocturnal ventilation

Transpiration

Site selection

Landscaping



Developing a resort . . .

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Interior design

Artwork

Key element in Brittany's masterplan





Strategically placed

Attractive home options in Tagaytay

6 units



Bigger living space

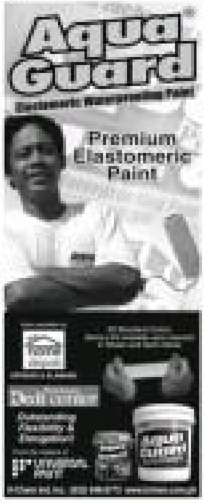
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More of the high life at The Residences at Greenbelt















Developing a resort not easy

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Singled out

This early?!

Ernie and Jeena Lopez, Aubrey Miles and Jacq Yu out of Amazing Race Asia!

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'Ang Pamana' ni Phoem Barranda, now a movie actress

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Like Atom Henares, the NU Rock Awards gets better every year

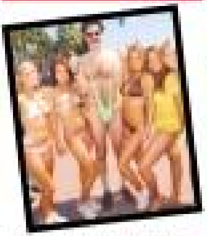
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Making 'sisid' with Sid Lucero and Angel Aquino in 'Donsol'

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Celebrate the Single life with 'Singelringen'

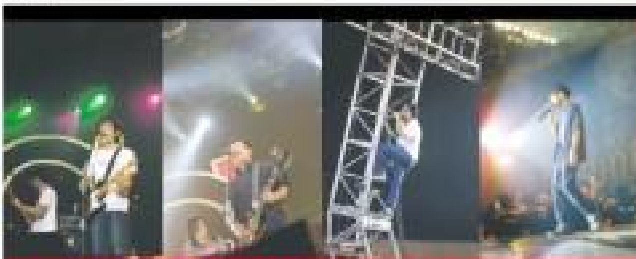
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Crazy fun in a capsule

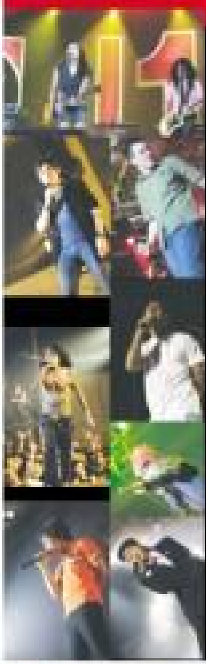
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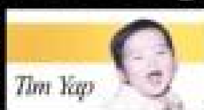




2006 NU107 ROCK AWARDS

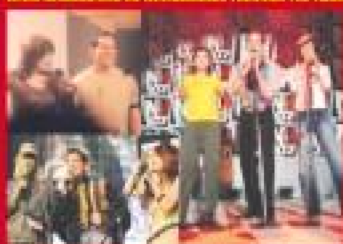
'Rakenroll' is here to stay





Tim Yap

ATOM HENARES AND HIS ROCKAWARDS THROUGH THE YEARS



AND THE AWARD GOES TO ... Atom Henares, here with Rosanna Roces, ...

Pinoy rock's finest





Beyon



thing. If it ain't broke, don't fix it. One musician sleuth critic has this to say: "The band's mix of melodic emotional vocals and low-tuned yet warm crunchy guitars is simply peerless."

Sandwich's ... anthem "Sugod" propelled the band to greater commercial heights. According to Reyes, their album "Five On the Floor" has a more stripped down rock 'n roll vibe, propelled by the revamped guitar duo of Diego Castillo and Mong Alcaraz, and it is also their most consistent opus.

Changing of the guard

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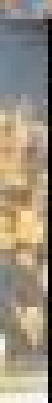
So who will be the artists who will define Pinoy Rock in the year 2006? Which bands will be Asian ... Find out this coming Dec. 1, Friday at the World Trade Center.

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Samsung's Ultra Edition ... [illegible]

THE AMAZING RACE ASIA EXIT INTERVIEWS

Ernie and Jeena, Aubrey and Jacq—out but still in





Two Pinoy teams eliminated in two weeks. We asked Jeena and Ernie—what went wrong?





Fast Forward

Eliminated









When there's a will, there's a scary movie

Director Romeo Candido mixes fear, folklore, and family dysfunction in "Ang Pamana: The Inheritance"



APART FROM THE occasional bodily flicks, Filipino horror flicks are typically more slapstick than supernatural, showing off special effects that share DNA with Microsoft Paint. Filipino-Canadian Romeo Candido, however, throws the industry a slick little pick-me-up with "Ang Pamana: The Inheritance," his second feature-length project.

Combining fear, folklore, and Pinoy family dysfunction, "Ang Pamana" raises quite a few goose bumps while delivering the goods.


Age against the machine
Gino de la Paz

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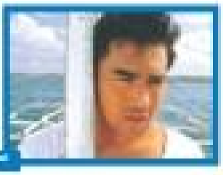








POIGNANT AND HAUNTING: Scenes from Donsol







Love in the time of whale sharks

By Albert P.



BOY, A GIRL, AN OCEAN AND whale sharks. We bet that's a love story formula you've never thought of.

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Paradise and realities

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SUBMERGED: Sid Lucero



REEL CHEMISTRY: Sid Lucero and Angel Aquino in the film Donsol

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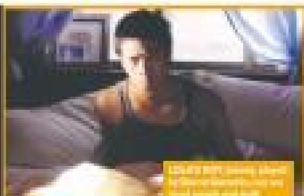
Awards and more awards

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When there's a will, there's a scary movie

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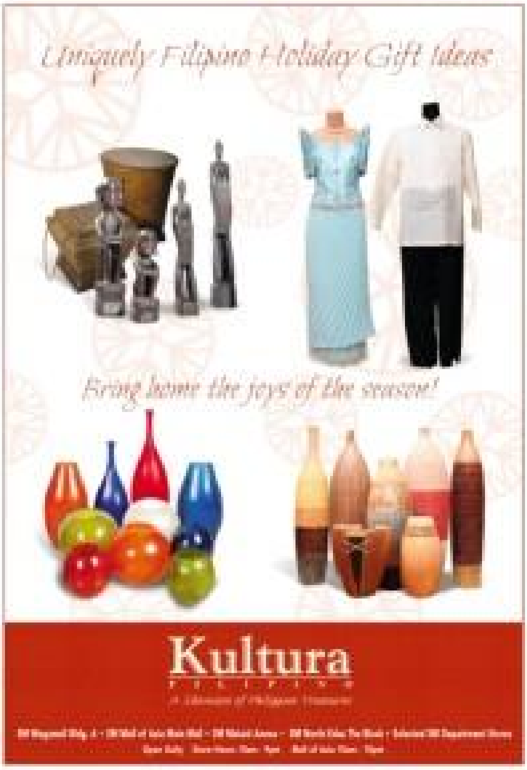


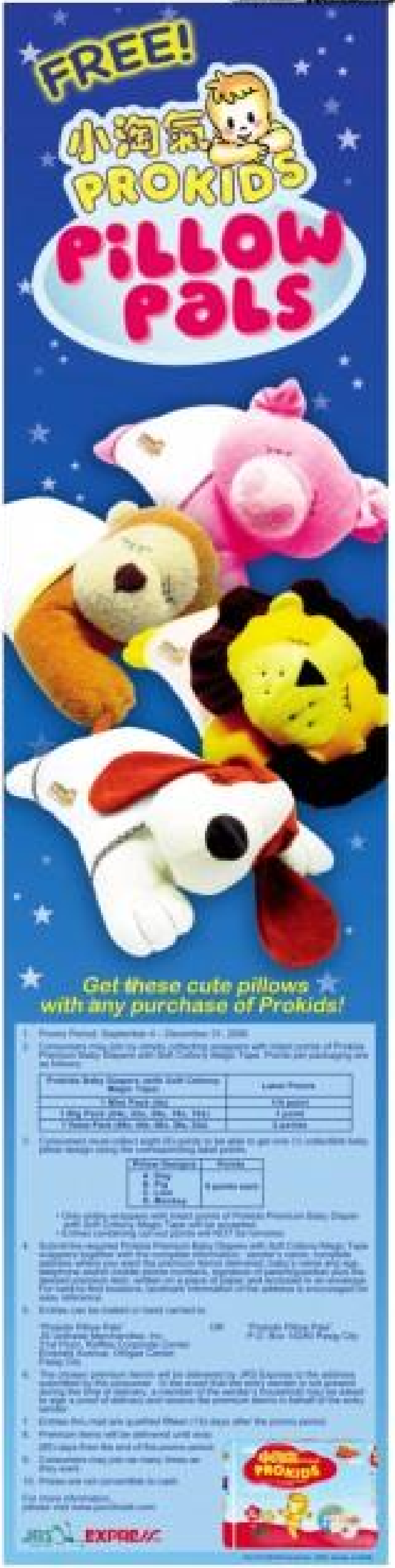


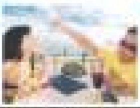
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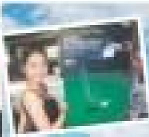
...rl, a guy, an ocean and creatures of the deep—this unlikely ...ula for romance actually works on the big screen in 'Dansoi'

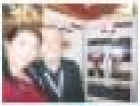
















And now, Phoemela Baranda, the actress







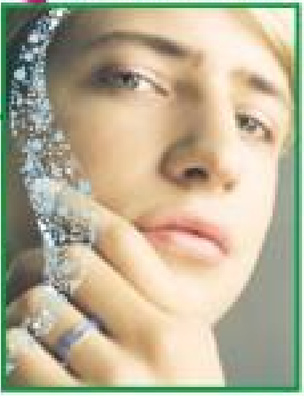
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The hottest global thing is called the single ring. Meet the Swedish inventor Johan Wahlback, and get to know his philosophy of individual positivism

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Tata Diaz









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Defected in the House compilations and world tours

The rise to the top

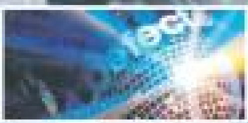
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Marc Ecko's designs have become the touchstone of a generation without boundaries

By David Miller



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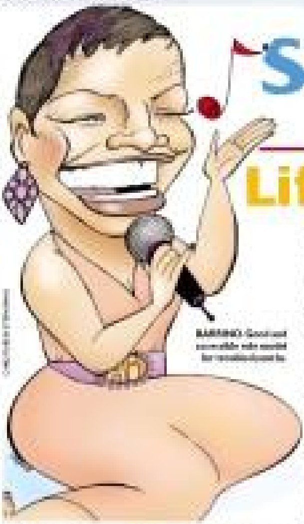


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Single bells

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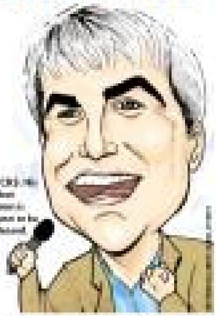
Life after 'American Idol'



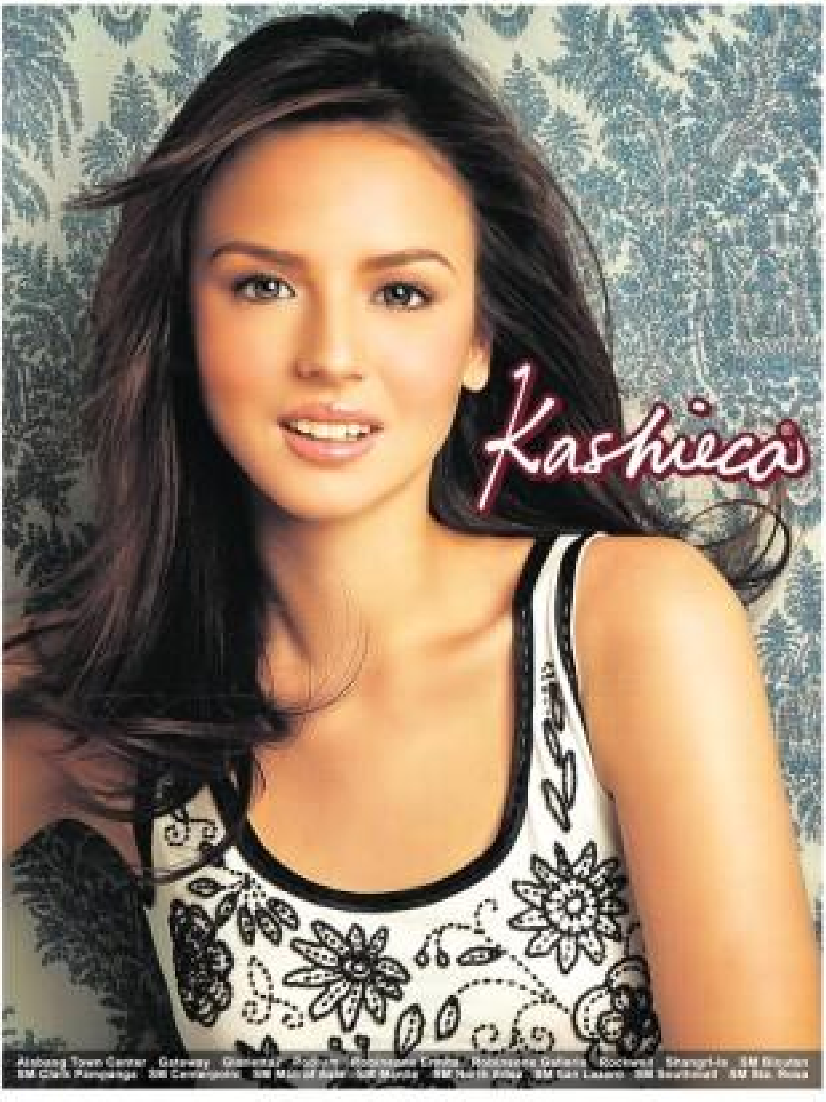
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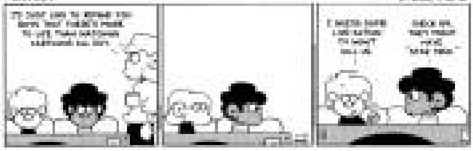
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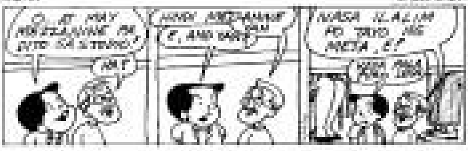
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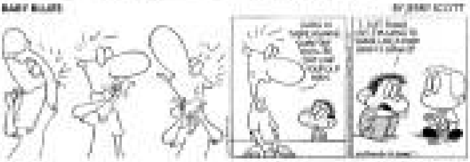
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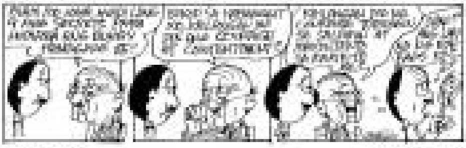
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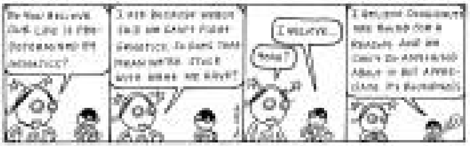
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DIVINE COMEDY



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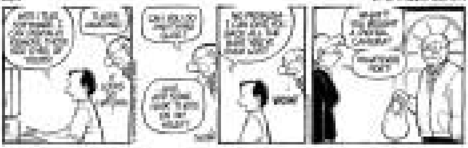




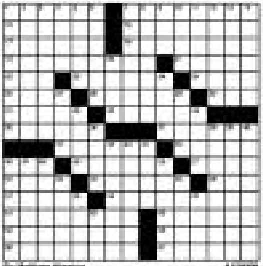
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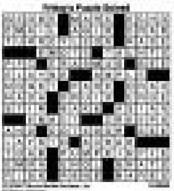


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Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

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Eddie Romero returns with 'Faces of Love'

AROUND DECEMBER LAST year, direk Eddie Romero and his son, Joey, asked me to read the storyline of the romantic-comedy, "Faces of Love." Romero was scouting for someone to co-write the script with him. The experience of working with the country's only living National Artist for Film was sure to be priceless. I immediately agreed to do it.

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Freedom of visual expression

[illegible]

Coffee breaks

[illegible]

Temperamental

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ROMERO. His zest for life is inspiring.

Indie film about food employs multiple perspectives

By Nestor Torre

WHEN LAURA, EULA VALDEZ'S CHARACTER in "Rekados," smiles and holds up a beating human's heart, the image she presents is both absurd and moving. The audience laughs at first, but when she chops it up, cooks it into a steaming pot, and serves the dish to the man she loves, the laughter turns to sighs.

It's a well-crafted little scene, and the movie is full of such moments. One of the seven entries in this year's Cinema One Digital Movie Festival, "Rekados" is only the second feature from Pedro Perez. Like last year's "Lambarong," it makes use of multiple perspectives—though, in this case, there's more than one story to tell.



ROA. Compelling even when she's sitting still.

Three generations

Set in a carinderia, the movie lets us into the separate and intersecting lives of three generations of women—they all cook and own a carinderia. Boots Anson Roa plays the matriarch, Josefina; Valdez plays the daughter, Laura; and Ilonah Jean plays the granddaughter, Pinay.

Josefina is the family breadwinner, cooking for and managing their carinderia. Laura, we learn, is perennially searching for love, going out with a string of men, and eventually leaving her mother and daughter for her lover.

Pinay mediates between her mother and grandmother, all the while wanting to be like Bob Jaguar (of all people) and playing with one of the most basketball players.

Aside from the blood connection, what links them together is their shared cooking ability—they're all good cooks, and for Josefina or Laura, this has meant that she has been more or less chained to the kitchen stove for most of her life.

Surreal touches

It will remind you of Laura Esquivel's "Like Water for Chocolate," especially when the surreal touches come in (as with the beating human heart).

Like Esquivel's heroine, these women express themselves through cooking, pouring out whatever desires they have into the dishes they prepare.

The food they cook is traditional Filipino fare—pansit, adobo, kare-kare, dinuguan—the utensils they use are simple, and their kitchen is small.

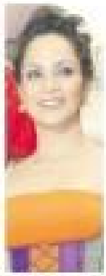
Everything they do is lovingly shot, however, and all that is ordinary is elevated to something more. In fact, for a digital film, the visuals in "Rekados" are surprisingly good.

The film's mood is predominantly poignant, but there are brief spikes of refreshing humor that will surprise you into laughing out loud.

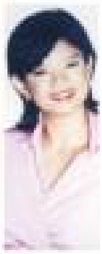
Good performances

The three leads all give good performances, though Roa's outpaces those of her younger co-stars. She is infinitely more compelling even when she's only sitting still and gazing out into the distance.

Another stand-out is Mario Magallona, who plays James, a seller of prayers, who eventually becomes Pinay's lover. He is so natural in his delivery that even his character's more fantastic lines sound believable.



VALDEZ. Perennially searching for love.



SORIANO. Mediates between her mother and grandmother.

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New movies transcend limitations of their cinematic genres



By Rito P Asilo

"Happy Feet"

D: George Miller

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"Ang Pamana" (The Inheritance)

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"Borat!"

D: Larry Charles

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"Sarogo"

D: Ed Lejano

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Satire and style collide in 'Thank You for Smoking'



ECKHART: His blond, good looks make him a perfectly believable villain.

By Michael Tovo

IN THE OPENING scene of "Thank You for Smoking," protagonist Nick Naylor, a lobbyist for Big Tobacco, appears on the "Joan Lunden Show" with a teenage lung cancer victim and an anti-tobacco spokesman.

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Moral

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Lobbyists

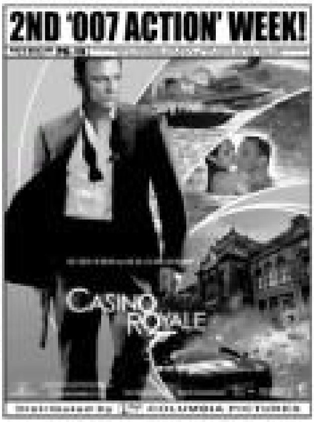
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RADCLIFFE. The teenage wizard returns for his fifth year of studies at Hogwarts.

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On the comeback trail



Book on Spanish heritage

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TV cultivates culture of mendicancy

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Pinky Amador hurdles new challenge . . .

Mad rush

'Words, Images and Music' at Westgrove Clubhouse

MONTAGE

THE RESIDENTS OF AYALA WESTGROVE Heights will present "Words, Images and Music," a benefit dinner, reading and concert at 6 p.m. today at the Social Hall of the Westgrove Clubhouse. The event features the book, "Illuminations," written by Armando S. Baltazar, pianist Raul Sunico, and soul singers Sol V. Gabriel, Angie B. Narde, Isabel Sevilla Soriano and Westgrove residents. Proceeds will go to Hang Ang Pilipinas, a home for the mentally-handicapped. Call (046) 511-0062.

'Dora's Sing-Along Fiesta'

Catch Dora the Explorer in her first live musical show in the Philippines at Market! Market! on Nov. 25-26, Alabang Town Center (Dec. 2-3) and Glorietta (Dec. 9-10). "Dora's Sing-Along Fiesta" features music, singing, games and larger-than-life characters. Find out what happens when Dora and Boots encounter their favorite friends, including Swiper the Fox and the Big Red Chicken. Then, participate in problem-solving activities to Boogey the sneaky fox, helps Swiper fox to spoil the fun for Dora and Boots.

Nickelodeon merchandise items will also be available at the Nick Kiosks positioned at Market! Market!, Alabang Town Center and Glorietta.



LLAMAS AND CAMAÑAG: Tupelli Gantoqueja's "Forever"

Concert at the Park

Concert at the Park's presentation tomorrow features Centro Escolar University's CEU Pop Orchestra, conducted by Tony Nazareno, at 5 p.m. at Rizal Park's Open-Air Auditorium.

'Voices in Praise'

As part of its centennial founding anniversary next year, the UCCP-Ellinwood Malate Church is presenting a choral concert, "Voices in Praise" at 6 p.m. today; performers are the Chancel Choir, Youth Choir, Vesper Choir, Crusaders Choir, Evangel Choir, Covenant Choir, Psalm Ensemble, and Rainbow Choir. Call 523-2884.

'Midsomer Murders'

Every Friday at 9 p.m., the Hallmark Channel presents "Midsomer Murders." The hit crime drama offers three new episodes: Dec. 1, "Bad Tidings." Fiona Thompson is killed after she has a spat with her husband at a gathering. Before the case is cracked by resident investigators Tom Barnaby (John Nettles), more people turn up dead. What gives?

Dec. 8, "The Fisher King." Gareth Hollinson is killed in an archeological dig where his father, a notorious womanizer, died 30 years ago. Suspicion arises that the elder Hollinson's illegitimate children have resurfaced, ready to claim their share in the inheritance.

Dec. 15, "Sins of Commission." Dec. 22, "Fear of Christmas Past." Dec. 29, "The Maid in Splendor."



FERNANDO, LIMA AND KITSEL Sing at The Manila Hotel on Dec. 4

'Opera-Lite'

The last performance of "Opera-Lite" will be held at 8 p.m. today at the Theatre, Promenade, Greenhills commercial complex. Mitch Valdes joins nearly opera stars Nelpa Cabading, Susan Alberto-Sanchez, Elmo Engracel, Lance McKinney, Rosario Espino, Nadia Gutierrez and Jennifer Yu in spreading the world of classical music. The show also features songs based on Chopin's music and inches arrangements of operatic arias.

Guevarra plays

Gantoqueja Theater Foundation is staging Wilfrido Ma. Guerrero's "Forever" and "Call Me Flory" on Dec. 9-10 and 16-17 at SM South Mall. Lead players include Bembo Cabading, Monica Llamas, Kimberly Diaz and Wilma Doesnt. Call 899-3710.



JANE Wymark and John Nettles star in "The Fisher King" episode of the Hallmark Channel's crime series

'Three Tenors'

"Three Tenors: The Ultimate Concert" will be held on Dec. 4 at The Manila Hotel's Fiesta Pavillion. The three tenors are Environment Secretary Angelo Reyes, MMDA head Bayani Fernando, and former Sen. Joey Lina. Performing with them are Nenii Nagui, Rachel Ann Go and Pops Fernandez. Call 527-0011 ext. 1271.

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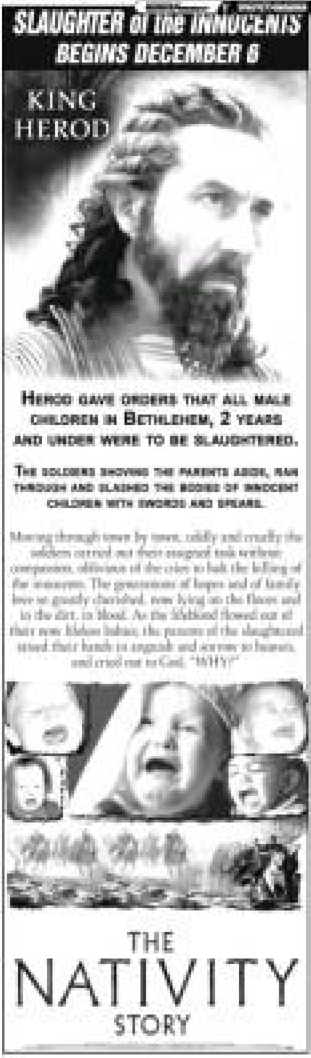
Catch this year's entries in the 2006 Cinema One Digital Film Festival at Robinson's Galleria. Today: "Ebolusyon," 11 a.m.; "Sonata," 1 p.m.; "Rotonda," 3:30 p.m.; "Boses ng Salop," 5 p.m.; "Rekados," 7:15 p.m., and "Ang Babae sa Bintana," 9:30 p.m. Tomorrow: "Babae sa Bintana," 11 a.m.; "Huling Balyan ng Buhi," 12:30 p.m.; "Rome and Juliet," 2 p.m.; "Pitik-bulag," 3:30 p.m.; "Mater," 6:15 p.m., and "Sonata," 9:30 p.m.

'Sound of Music'

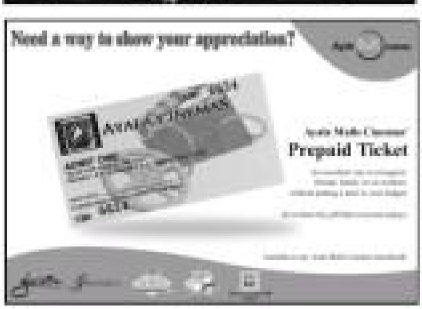
Monique Wilson, Menchu Lauchengco-Yulo and Liesl Batucan alternate as Maria, while Audie Gemora and Michael Williams take

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